

Administration on Aging**[Program Announcement No. AoA-97-1]****Fiscal Year 1997 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications****AGENCY:** Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to demonstrate models that assist retired persons to serve in their communities as volunteer expert resources and educators in combatting health care waste, fraud and abuse.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging announces that it will hold a competition for cooperative agreement awards for model projects that demonstrate effective ways of utilizing retired persons as expert resources and educators in community efforts to combat health care waste, fraud, and abuse. In accordance with Senate Report 104-368, the Health Care Financing Administration will transfer funds to the Administration on Aging to facilitate a collaboration of aging network agencies, health insurance counseling programs, senior centers, and other appropriate entities in carrying out the demonstration program.

The deadline date for the submission of applications is April 11, 1997. Prospective applicants should note that, consistent with the terms of Senate Report 104-368, preference will be given to projects to be carried out by consortia headed by agencies/organizations representative of health insurance counseling programs, area agencies on aging, and other senior advocacy efforts. Agencies/organizations representative of senior centers should also have prominent roles in the consortia since Senate Report 104-368 further provides that senior centers should be the test sites in at least one-half of the model projects funded.

Application kits are available by writing to: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Governmental Affairs and Elder Rights, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 4254, Washington, DC 20201. Please include an organizational capability statement.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**[Announcement 716]****Traumatic Brain Injury Surveillance Program Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1997****Introduction**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds for a cooperative agreement program for population-based data systems for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The intent of the program is to further develop a multi-state, population-based surveillance system for TBI that began in FY 1995. The development of population-based surveillance for TBI fulfills, in part, activities mandated in Public Law 104-166, The Traumatic Brain Injury Act, enacted in 1996. This program will serve two purposes:

Part I—To enhance existing State or territory surveillance systems for TBI, to ensure they are population-based and provide high quality, useful data.

Part II—To develop TBI surveillance systems in States or territories that have not received past funding from CDC for this purpose and have legal authority to collect TBI data but have little or no surveillance infrastructure. CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and to improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority areas of Unintentional Injury, Violent and Abusive Behavior, and Surveillance and Data Systems. (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the section "WHERE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.")

Authority

This program is authorized under sections 301, 317, 391, and 392, of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241, 247b, 280b, and 280b-1) as amended, including Pub. L. 104-166.

Smoke-Free Workplace

CDC strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and to promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Pub. L. 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are the official State public health agencies or other State agencies or departments. This includes the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

State agencies applying under this announcement that are other than the official State health department must provide written concurrence for the application from the official State health agency.

Only one application from each State may enter the review process and be considered for an award under this program. Applicants may apply for either Part I or Part II funding as most appropriate, *but not both*.

For Part I, applicants who are funded under Announcement 526 are not eligible for this program.

For Part II, applicants who have received past funding for TBI Surveillance from CDC (from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) or the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)) are not eligible for this program.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$1,550,000 is available in FY 1997 to fund up to eleven awards under Parts I and II of this announcement:

Part I—Approximately \$1,200,000 is available in FY 1997 to fund six to eight awards to enhance existing State surveillance systems for TBI. It is expected that the average award will be \$150,000, ranging from \$125,000 to \$175,000.

Part II—Approximately \$350,000 is available in FY 1997 to fund two to three awards to assist in planning TBI surveillance systems. It is expected that the average award will be \$115,000, ranging from \$90,000 to \$125,000.

Projects are expected to begin on or about August 1, 1997, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to 3 years. Funding estimates may vary and are subject to change.

Funds may be used for personnel services, supplies, equipment, travel, subcontracts, and services directly related to project activities. Project funds cannot be used to supplant other existing funds for surveillance or registry activities, for construction costs, or to lease or purchase facilities or space.